(b) The number of PHCs in 1991 and 1995 is as under :

| | 1991 | 1995 |
|---|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | 1182 | 1376 |
| Maharashtra | 1672 | 1695 |
| Gujarat | 874 | 958 |

The average rural area and population catered by a PHC as on 31.12.95 as per information provided by State Govts. are indicated below :

| | Average area (in sq.Km.) | Average Population |
|---|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | 318.72 | 36949 |
| Maharashtra | 178.05 | 28551 |
| Gujarat | 199.64 | 28220 |

(c) The targets for establishing Primary Health Centres during 1996-97 in these States are shown below:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | - | Nil |
| Maharashtra | - | 53 |
| Gujarat | - | 5 |

**Combined debts on States**

2890. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the combined debts of States as on 30th June, 1996;

(b) the main reasons for the huge accumulation of these debts;

(c) whether most of the States have asked Government for writing off of their debts;

(d) whether they have also requested to exempt them from compound interest on accumulated debts; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be furnished.

**Mobilisation of funds falling short of anticipated targets**

2891. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobilisation of funds has fallen short of the anticipated targets for the current financial year; and

(b) if so, its impact on various ongoing programmes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) This will be known later in the financial year, and not at this stage when the Budget for 1996-97 is yet to be approved by Parliament.

(b) Funds for various programmes are being provided as per Vote on Account approved by Parliament.

**Programme launched on the eve of World Breast Feeding Week**

2892. SHRI SUHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI-RAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Breast Feeding Week was observed from August 1, 1996;

(b) if so, what major campaign, schemes or programmes were launched by Government to make the scheme a success; and

(c) the annual allocation made for such schemes during 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. With a view to increasing the awareness about the benefits of breast feeding advertisements were issued in leading newspapers, spots were shown on Doordarshan and workshops and meetings were held throughout the country. No specific allocations were made for these activities.